

Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 08038.0032

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takayuki NIUYA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2823
Application No.: 09/658,193) Examiner: J. MALDONADO
Filed: September 8, 2000)

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR For: PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 9A-9D in the above-captioned application be amended to include the term --Prior Art-- as indicated in "red" on the attached copy of the originally filed drawings.. The change was suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action of January 24, 2003.

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Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after the Examiner issues a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 24, 2003

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